GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2646
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STRIKE BY BANK EMPLOYEES
Rawale Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Forum of Bank Unions had given notice to Government for calling nationwide strike;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their major demands; and

(c) the reasons for Government not agreeing to the demands of bank employees?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE EM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) & (b):- Indian Banks` Association has reported that it received a notice dated 23.01.2006 from the United Forum of Bank Unions about its decision, to go on nation wide strike on 9th March 2006 in support of its demand for restoration of compassionate appointment scheme in banks.

(c):- The above issue was never a matter for discussion/negotiation at the industry level. The scheme is a non-statutory one and as such, is not enforceable. It also does not form part of service conditions arid cannot be claimed as a matter of right by any employee. None of the rights of the employees is violated by the banks switching over to a scheme of monetary assistance in lieu of appointment on compassionate grounds and therefore, no industrial dispute can lie in the matter.